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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 08 February 2001 (08.02.01)	Date of completion of this report 10 July 2001 (10.07.2001)
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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):

 the international application as originally filed. the description, pages 1-65, as originally filed,

pages _____, filed with the demand,

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims, Nos. 1-17, as originally filed,

Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,

Nos. _____, filed with the demand,

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 the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,

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4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (JA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

D1: WO 00 50178 A (BAUMGART HUBERT; FARWICK THOMAS (DE); BASE COATINGS AG (DE); ROECK) August 31, 2000

D2: WO 00 26309 A (POTH ULRICH; BAUMGART HUBERT (DE); FARWICK THOMAS (DE); ZUMBRINK A) May 11, 2000

D3: WO 96 38490 A (BASF LACKE ET FARBEN; BRUENNEMANN MICHAEL (DE); BORGHOLTE HARALD (D), December 5, 1996

D4: EP-A-0 284 679 (DU PONT) October 5, 1998

D5: US-A-4 873 298 (RYNTZ ROSE A) October 10, 1989

D6: US-A-4 766 185 (RYNTZ ROSE A ET AL) August 23, 1988.

1. D3 to D6 only represent technological background which cannot suggest the present coating material and multilayer transparent lacquer or the associated methods (PCT Article 33(3)).

The present coating materials provide multilayer lacquers with increased scratch resistance, improved adherence, etc., as shown in the tables on pages 61/62 and 64 of the description.

These results are seen as surprising and support the existence of the required inventive step.

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2. D1 and D2 are intermediate documents.